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Senator Bill Nelson  
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Dear Senator Nelson:

I am writing to commend you for taking the initiative last summer and again this year to ask the federal government for assistance in investigating the cancer cluster in The Acreage. The residents of The Acreage need to know what is causing the elevated number of child cancer cases in recent years.

As you are aware, the announcement by Florida health officials that they have found a higher than normal number of child cancer cases has increased the sense of urgency. As you contemplate the next step, I would strongly encourage you to engage the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa. This world renowned center has the resources and expertise of some of the leading cancer researchers and doctors and would no doubt be an asset in the federal government's quest for answers in The Acreage.

As public officials we have a duty to uncover the truth and find out what is causing the elevated levels of cancer in The Acreage. To that end, it would be a shame if we did not utilize all the resources we have at our disposal, including those within the medical community in the State of Florida.

We need to do everything possible to bring peace of mind and hope to the people of The Acreage who have waited far too long to get the attention this situation deserves. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Skidmore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Skidmore  
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